

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590



REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

HSE-5J

JUN 21 1993 Mr. Ron Steele Building Manager 205 East Grand Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Mr. Steele:

On June 2, 1993, USEPA and the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety verified the presence of radioactivity at levels clearly above natural background at 161 East Grand, Chicago. The results are still being evaluated. We would like to collect additional data on dose levels in work spaces before making a determination about this building. We propose placing for one month, twenty-four radiation dosimeters called thermoluminescent dosimeter (TLD) badges in various rooms in your building. These dosimeters will be placed by USEPA staff at no cost to you. By the month's end, we should also have the results of the wipe samples collected on June 2, 1993. Tentatively, we plan to contact you sometime during the week of June 21, 1993, to arrange a mutually convenient time to place the TLD badges.

We also would like to remind you to move the janitor's supplies in the basement away from the chimney. If you need additional information or want to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (312) 886-3601.

Sincerely,

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On-Scene Coordinator

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cc: Tim Runyon, Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety